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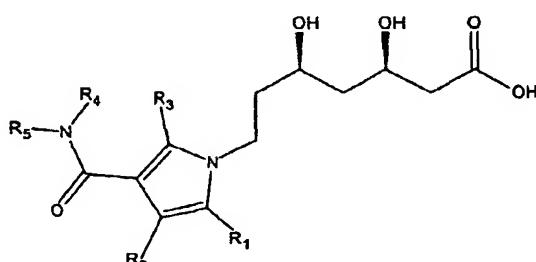
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to particular hydroxyl and protected hydroxyl derivatives of compounds known to be useful as HMG CoA-reductase inhibitors. In particular, herein are provided hydroxyl and protected hydroxyl compounds of Formula I and their corresponding lactones.